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Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 remain pending in the application.
Claims 1 and 9 are amended.

Objection – Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities found on page 2 and page 4. The specification is amended to correct these informalities. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C § 102 (Lin '070)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7, 9-13 and 15 as being anticipated by Lin, Whipping Top-Base Bubble Toy, US Patent 6,743,070 (Jun. 1, 2004). The Office Action Asserts Lin '070 discloses a toy suitable for forming bubbles comprising: a container having an opening, a container cap releasably attachable to the opening, a shaft connected to a bubble wand assembly comprising a bubble forming attachment and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly. The office action further asserts Lin '070 discloses the means for illumination comprises a switch LED, a battery activated LED, a mechanically activated LED, and a rotatably/motion activated LED. Claim 1 and claim 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claims 2-5 and 7 depend from claim 1. Claims 10-13 and 15 depend from claim 9. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claims 1 and 9 are amended to include the limitations, *inter alia*, a shaft characterized by a first end and a second end, said shaft connected to a first bubble forming attachment at said

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first end and connected to a second bubble forming attachment at said second end and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly coupled to the shaft. Lin '070 does not disclose a shaft with a first and second bubble forming attachment. Further, the illumination means found in Lin '070 is not coupled to the shaft. Since Lin '070 fails to disclose at least one limitation found in the Applicant's independent claims, the Applicant's claims are not anticipated by Lin '070. Since claims 2-5 and 7 depend from claim 1 and claims 10-13 and 15 depend from claim 9, it follows they are not anticipated by Lin '070 as well. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C § 102 (Lin '296)

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 9 as being anticipated by Lin, Bubble Blower and Penholder Arrangement, US Patent 6,746,296 (Jun. 8, 2004). The Office Action asserts Lin '296 discloses a toy suitable for forming bubbles comprising: a container having an opening, a container cap releasably attachable to the opening, a shaft connected to a bubble wand assembly comprising a bubble forming attachment and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly. Claim 1 and claim 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claims 1 and 9 are amended to include the limitations, *inter alia*, a shaft characterized by a first end and a second end, said shaft connected to a first bubble forming attachment at said first end and connected to a second bubble forming attachment at said second end and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly coupled to the shaft. Lin '296 does not disclose a shaft with a first bubble forming attachment at a first end and second bubble forming attachment at a second end. Since Lin '296 fails

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to disclose at least one limitation found in the Applicant's independent claims, the Applicant's claims are not anticipated by Lin '296. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C § 102 (McDonald '267)

The Office Action rejects claim 1 as being anticipated by McDonald, Soap Bubble Sensing and Responsive Device, US Patent 5,478,267 (Dec. 26, 1995). The Office Action asserts McDonald discloses a toy suitable for forming bubbles comprising: a bubble wand assembly comprising a shaft connected to a bubble forming attachment and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly. Claim 1 is amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 is amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations, *inter alia*, a shaft **characterized by a first end and a second end**, said shaft connected to a **first bubble forming attachment** at said first end and connected to a **second bubble forming attachment** at said second end and a **means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly coupled to the shaft**. McDonald does not disclose a shaft with a first bubble attachment at a first end and second bubble forming attachment at a second end. Since McDonald fails to disclose at least one limitation found in the Applicant's independent claim, the Applicant's claim is not anticipated by McDonald. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C § 103

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 5-6, 10 and 13-14 as being obvious over Lin '296 in view of Kuo, Pen with Lighted Scanner Pen Head and Twist Switch, US Patent 6,623,136 (Sep. 23,

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2003). The Office Action asserts Lin' 296 most of the elements of these claims except for a switch LED, a mechanically activated LED, and a twistably activated LED. The Office Action further asserts Kuo discloses a switch LED, a mechanically activated LED, and a twistably activated LED. Independent claim 1 and claim 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claims 2 and 5-6 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 13-14 depend from claim 9. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 and claim 9 are amended to more particularly point out and claim what the Applicant believes to be her invention. Claims 1 and 9 are amended to include the limitations, *inter alia*, a shaft characterized by a first end and a second end, said shaft connected to a first bubble forming attachment at said first end and connected to a second bubble forming attachment at said second end and a means for illuminating the bubble wand assembly coupled to the shaft. Lin '296 does not disclose a shaft with a first bubble attachment at a first end and second bubble forming attachment at a second end. Kuo also does not disclose a shaft with a first bubble attachment at a first end and second bubble forming attachment at a second end. Since both Lin '296 and Kuo each fail to disclose the same limitation found in the Applicant's independent claims, it follows their combination also fails to disclose the Applicant's claims. Therefore, the Applicant's claimed invention is not obvious over Lin '296 in view of Kuo. For at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

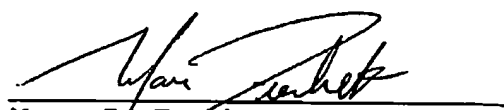
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Conclusion

This response has addressed all of the Examiner's grounds for rejection. The rejections based on prior art have been traversed. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims is requested.

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